

APPENDIX B to Consent Decree: U.S. v. Alltex Uniform Rental Service, Inc. and G&K Services, Co.

Supplemental Environmental Project - Wood Stove Changeout Project

A. Within sixty (60) days from the Effective Date of the Consent Decree, the Settling Defendants shall submit to EPA for review and approval pursuant to Section VI (Supplemental Environmental Project) of the Consent Decree a plan to implement a wood stove changeout program in an area that would benefit from reductions of fine particle pollution, VOCs, and/or hazardous air pollutants (“the Plan”). The reductions in pollutants may be obtained by: 1) replacing older hydronic or outdoor wood boilers with EPA Phase II hydronic heaters, or retrofitting such older hydronic or outdoor wood boilers to meet EPA Phase II hydronic heater standards; 2) replacing pre-1988 wood stoves with EPA-certified wood-stoves and/or cleaner burning, more energy-efficient hearth appliances (e.g., wood pellet, gas, or propane stoves), or 3) replacing spent catalysts in EPA-certified wood stoves (the “Wood Stove Changeout Project”), to the extent allowed in the approved Plan. Settling Defendants shall spend no less than \$220,000 in Project Dollars performing the SEP, and shall complete the SEP no later than 24 months after the Effective Date of the Decree, except that Settling Defendants may request an extension of time to complete the SEP if it appears likely that all Project Dollars will not be disbursed within such 24 month period, despite Settling Defendants’ best efforts to implement the SEP in accordance with this Appendix B.

B. The SEP that Settling Defendants implement shall provide information (including, educational efforts and outreach regarding clean-burning alternatives to older hydronic or outdoor wood boilers and pre-1988 wood stoves and proper operation of the hearth appliances)

and incentives through rebates, vouchers, discounts, and, in some instances, actual replacement of older hydronic or outdoor wood boilers and pre-1988 wood stoves for income-qualified residential homeowners, as set forth in the approved Plan.

C. Settling Defendants shall implement the SEP in Hillsborough, Rockingham and Merrimack Counties in New Hampshire. In determining the specific areas to implement the SEP within the aforementioned geographic areas, Settling Defendants shall give priority to areas with high amounts of air pollution, especially particle pollution and/or hazardous air pollutants, areas located within a geography and topography that makes them susceptible to high levels of particle pollution, areas that have a significant number of older hydronic or outdoor wood boilers and pre-1988 wood-burning appliances, and densely populated areas.

D. Settling Defendants shall implement the SEP consistent with the materials available on EPA's website at <http://www.epa.gov/burnwise>. Settling Defendants may use contractors or consultants in implementing the SEP.

E. The Plan shall also satisfy the following criteria:

1. Identify the contractor or consultant that will assist Settling Defendants in implementing the SEP.

2. Describe the schedule and budget to implement the SEP.
3. Settling Defendants shall describe the quarterly reports by which Settling Defendants shall describe actions to be taken and actions completed in implementing the SEP, including, but not limited to, the number of applications received/accepted, the number of Phase II hydronic heaters or EPA-certified stoves installed or repaired, the number of old hydronic or outdoor wood boilers or stoves removed, the method and location of disposal/recycling, and the costs expended as of the date of the report.
4. Settling Defendants shall limit the use of Project Dollars for administrative costs associated with implementation of the program to no greater than 15% of the Project Dollars.
5. Describe all of the elements of the SEP, including the type and amount of the incentive that will be made available to residential homeowners. The Plan may provide for issuance of vouchers to residential homeowners in amounts ranging from \$3,000 - \$4,000 for each Phase II hydronic heater or \$1,000 - \$1,500 for each replacement wood stove. Settling Defendants may fund the actual replacement of older hydronic or outdoor wood boilers and pre-1988 wood stoves for income-qualified residential homeowners, provided that Settling Defendants

shall describe the number of energy efficient hearth appliances it intends to make available, the cost per unit, and the criteria it proposes to use to determine which residential homeowners should be eligible for actual stove replacement.

6. If applicable, identify any organizations with which Settling Defendants will partner to implement the SEP, including such organizations as: the Hearth, Patio, and Barbecue Association of America, the Chimney Safety Institute of America, a local chapter of the American Lung Association, individual stove retailers, propane dealers, facilities that will dispose of older hydronic or outdoor wood boilers and old stoves so that they cannot be resold or reused, housing assistance agencies, local fire departments, local health organizations, and local green energy organizations.
 7. Describe how Settling Defendants will ensure that the older hydronic or outdoor wood boilers and pre-1988 wood stoves will be properly recycled or disposed.
 8. Describe the outreach to be conducted to publicize the SEP in Hillsborough, Rockingham, and Merrimack counties in New Hampshire, and particularly in densely populated areas, such as Manchester, Concord, Nashua, and Portsmouth.
- G. Upon EPA's approval of the Plan, Settling Defendants shall initiate and undertake the

SEP according to the approved Plan and schedule. Within 30 days of EPA approval of the Plan, Settling Defendants shall fund an escrow arrangement with the full amount of the anticipated Project Dollar expenditure of \$220,000 with its counsel, Jonathon H. Bloomberg, to be held in a separate account. Settling Defendants shall authorize disbursements pursuant to the escrow arrangement in accordance with the provisions of the Plan.

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